



TYPICAL CONVENTION DAY—The time could be anytime from when the bourse opened in the morning until it closed at night; the day could have been any day, Tuesday through Saturday; for this was a typical bourse scene as collectors and dealers gathered in the El Cortez convention center to wheel and deal.

77th Anniversary Convention Now A Matter of History

"The 77th anniversary convention of the American Numismatic Association is now history. The consensus was that it was one of the best in recent years," reports Catharine Edgerton, publicity chairman. "We tried to make it so."

If ever there is to be a convention guide on how to manage and produce a successful show, then this is the year to prepare it. San Diego was a success, it was a wonderful success. At final count there were 6150 registrants. Of these, well over two thousand paid and received their convention badge. The registrants represented forty-eight states and twenty-three countries. Somehow, nobody came from either Delaware

or Maine. Guests from Afghanistan, Australia, Brazil, Canada, England, Egypt, El Salvador, Germany, Ireland, Israel, Japan, Mexico, Netherlands, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Spain, South Africa, Switzerland, Thailand, and Venezuela visited the bourse and exhibits.

All of the forums, business meetings, and special events were well attended. The Israel night had standing room only and some of the spe-

cial events were completely sold out. Although the final budget and expenses have yet to be audited, the show came out well in the black—second only to Miami in the amount of profit. Bourse dealers reported that sales were brisk and the auction was well attended with many good sales realized.

Monday, August 19

The 77th anniversary conclave did not open officially until the 20th; however, one of the most elaborate social functions held in conjunction with the ANA show always has been the Professional Numismatists Guild's annual banquet which culminates a day-long bourse and business meeting of the dealer group. PNG president, Dan Brown, was master of ceremonies for his association's festivities. Invited guests included all the official family of ANA and representatives from all the numismatic media, plus prominent dealers and figures from the hobby world.

Tuesday, August 20

This is the big day. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and already lines crowd the lobby of the El Cortez convention center, across the street from



PNG DAY—Genial Dan Brown, president of the Professional Numismatists Guild, Inc., m.c'd. the gala banquet on Monday evening and played host to some 200 invited guests.

the headquarters' hotel. By 9 a.m., the bourse area opens to dealers and the exhibit area opens to exhibitors. The dealers have until 10 a.m. to prepare for the public, the exhibitors until noon.

There are few from the official ANA family to be seen today, board and committee meetings occupy all of their time, but the San Diego convention group have the show well underway.

PNG DAY—Midway on Monday PNG broke with business and bourse to host a smorgasbord luncheon for its members and guests. Here, in a very unposed and candid shot, we find, from left to right, H. C. Schmal, Arizona exonomist; Kenn Henderson, International Nickel Co.; Mrs. Arthur Sipe; Arthur Sipe; Admiral O. H. Dodson, former ANA president; and Senora Miguel Munoz; enjoying some very delicious hors d' oeuvres.



For the wives, children and non-collecting conventioners, today was the day to visit the zoo, tour the city of San Diego and, for all of the lively set, a night club tour was arranged for the evening.

Wednesday, August 21

It did not take the crowds long to find out about the outstanding display prepared by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing from Washington. The billion-dollar display of currency, yes, one billion dollars in face value, specimens of printing by the bureau, was one thing, but to actually watch currency being printed on the convention floor was something else. It commanded top attention.



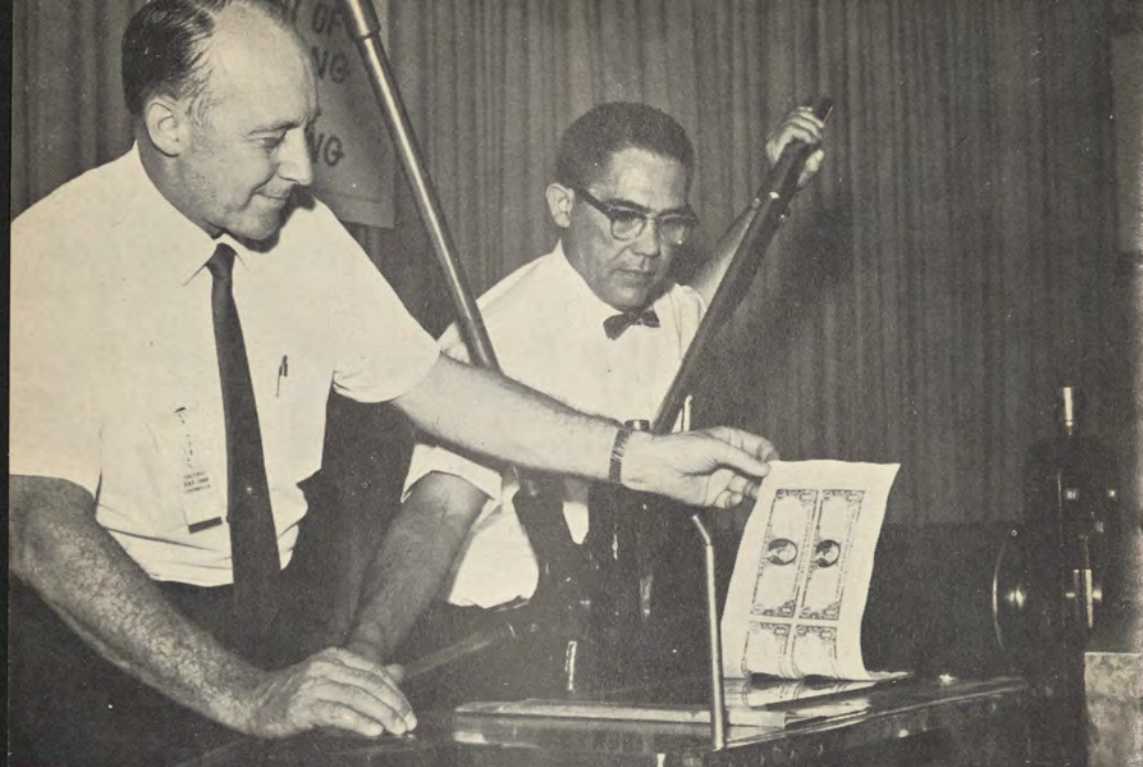
PNG DAY—One might conclude that this was an official ANA family table at the PNG banquet, starting in the lower left corner we find Don Sherer, second vice president; Mrs. Virginia Culver, governor; George D. Hatie, governor; Mrs. Arthur Sipe and Arthur Sipe, president; Mrs. Herbert M. Bergen and Herbert M. Bergen, first vice president; and Mrs. Don Sherer.



TUESDAY—Registration officially opened today and we find Mr. and Mrs. Raymon Hatfield of Lebanon, Ohio, receiving their registration packets.



TUESDAY—The exhibit area officially opened at noon and before the show closed on Saturday some 6000 visitors viewed the \$1 billion exhibit.



WEDNESDAY — The Bureau of Engraving and Printing's demonstration on the production of currency drew top crowds. Here we see Everett J. Prescott, left, and Virgil Alemeida, print some sample four subject sheets. All had to be accounted for and no souvenirs were distributed.

Official representative from BEP was Everett J. Prescott, chief of the office of manufacturing. He carefully explained the engraving and printing procedures used in the production of United States paper money. He was assisted in his demonstration by Virgil Alemeida, a plate printer from Washington, and together they produced specimen one dollar notes for the audience. Unfortunately, no samples were available, each note had to be accounted for, leaving no collector with an unusual four-subject sheet. The press used was an old-time hand-operated intaglio press.

One of the highlights of the day was the talk given at the opening business meeting by Thomas W. Wolfe, director, Office of Domestic Gold and Silver Operations, Treasury Department. His subject, quite naturally, was the U.S. gold regulations. Mr. Wolfe detailed the controls reg-



WEDNESDAY — Thomas W. Wolfe, director, Office of Domestic Gold and Silver Operations, detailed government control of gold. Text of his talk will be published in a later issue.

ulating the use and holding of gold by Americans. Because of its length and detail the talk will be presented in a later issue of *The Numismatist*.

Some of the greatest excitement at the business meeting came when President Arthur Sipe read a release prepared by the public relations office that the Election Procedures Committee, headed by Vice President Herbert M. Bergen, had recommended that the board rescind the action taken at its February 1968 board meeting with relation to the election of the president and vice president. The original action would have allowed the board of governors to elect the top officers. A great deal of controversy centered around this decision. The board on the previous day had accepted the committee recommendations.

Thriller for the day happened not on the convention scene but where "the surf meets the turf." The running of the American Numismatic Association Purse was held at the Del Mar race track. Race fans saw Mrs. Arthur Sipe, wife of the president and official ANA hostess, present flowers to the winning jockey. Incidentally, Mrs. Sipe placed a small wager on Many Mansions, and it was

the horse that won the ANA race. Beginner's luck!

The evening climaxed with a moonlight cruise around San Diego harbor for the young-at-heart and all conventioners fell well within that category—it seemed all were on board.

Thursday, August 22

Today was the big day for many of the fringe or tangent groups who hold their annual get-togethers in conjunction with the ANA convention. The Organization of International Numismatists, a group affiliated with ANA, held its business meeting and educational forum today, as did the Young Numismatists, the Elongated Collectors and the Numismatic Literary Guild.

Highlight for the distaff side was the ladies luncheon at the Atlantis, a show place restaurant in San Diego.

Conventioners heard four outstanding speakers at the Educational Forum moderated by Maurice Gould. Mort Goodman, a well-known author in the error field presented, "The Minting Process;" George W. Wait, "Diversification of Paper Money Collections," a subject that he is well versed on. He is one of the most



WEDNESDAY — Many Mansions, with jockey William Harmatz on board, won the ANA Purse at Del Mar. Mrs. Arthur (Polly) Sipe, wife of the president, presented the flowers to the winner. Seen here are: Willard Cranney, owner; Al Baber, convention general chairman; Mrs. Sipe; Arthur Sipe; and trainer W. C. Tompkins holding the reins.



THURSDAY — Tom Becker, now of Krause Publications, Iola, Wisconsin, chaired the Numismatic Literary Guild meeting. NLG is composed of writers, researchers, publishers and editors in the hobby field. Under wraps, in front of Becker, is their annual award, dubbed the "Clemmy Award," in honor of its first recipient, Clem Bailey. It is an antique typewriter painted gold and weighing in the neighborhood of 70 lbs.

distinguished experts in the field of paper money and is presently serving his second term as president of the Society of Paper Money Collectors.

One speaker who needed little introduction was Paul Vincze, the world famous medalist and a familiar figure at many ANA conventions.

THURSDAY — The line-up, the educational forum line-up, that is; from left to right: Maurice Gould, moderator; Mort Goodman; Paul Vincze; and George W. Wait. The feature is always a highlight of the convention. 1968 was no exception.

Vincze, who has designed coins for Guatemala, Ghana, Nigeria, Malawi and other countries, spoke on medals of the zodiac.

Earlier in the afternoon collectors heard Mrs. Hazel Lindstrom report on the junior activities for the past year. She noted that the youth committee had published a "How To" booklet to assist local groups in junior organizational programs and that her committee had answered some 800 letters from young collectors during the fiscal year. Mrs. Lindstrom co-chaired the Young Numismatists Committee of ANA with governor, Grover C. Criswell.

Thursday closed with the annual get-together of the Old Time Assay Commissioners. The group is composed of those who have served on the Assay Committee in past years and once each year, following the close of the Educational Forum, meet to reminisce and conduct just a little business.

Friday, August 23

This is perhaps the longest and busiest day of the convention. Tangent groups such as the Society of International Numismatist, the Token and Medal Society, the Wooden Money Collectors, and the Society of Paper Money Collectors are holding their business meetings, dinners and annual conclaves. Each is im-

THURSDAY — Unfortunately the ladies luncheon is for the women only, for here is a typical table of charming company. The ladies were entertained by strolling musicians at the Atlantis.



portant to his own and all make for a very busy day.

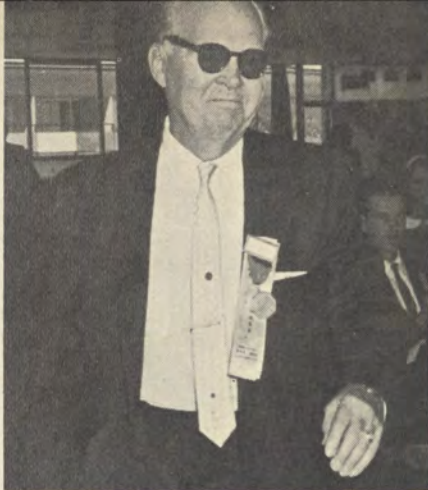
On the ANA program was the award presentations at the morning session. Here recipients of the twenty-five year membership medals were acknowledged, the Heath Literary Awards presented, the awarding of the coveted Medals of Merit, National Coin Week awards, and the very anxiously awaited awards for exhibits.

The National Coin Week winners were listed in August issue of *The Numismatist*, p. 1034, so this came as no surprise to anyone. The Twenty-five Year Continuous Membership

FRIDAY — Arlie Slabaugh, an outstanding collector in many fields, cops the D. C. Wismer Award for his outstanding display of obsolete currency. Arthur Sipe presents the plaque to Arlie with Valentine Pasvolsky, 2nd place winner in obsolete currency, and Mrs. Sylvia Haffner, exhibit chairman, looking on.



FRIDAY — Arthur Sipe and Louis Werner, right, sergeant at arms emeritus, present Charles Hoskins with his Medal of Merit and accompanying plaque. Hoskins is curator of the Money Museum of the National Bank of Detroit and has done considerable work on behalf of the association.



FRIDAY — Aubrey E. Bebee, seconds after he was told that he was the recipient of the Medal of Merit, an award presented for his outstanding contributions to the hobby and the association.

FRIDAY — National Coin Week chairman Clark A. Yowell, left, presents the first place award for Class B clubs to the representative of the Totem Coin Club, Anchorage, Alaska, Mrs. Normagene Glatt, as Arthur Sipe looks on.



FRIDAY — The Outstanding Sculptor of the Year award, in the form of a gold medal, went to Frank Gasparro, chief engraver of the United States Mint. Making the presentation was Joseph M. Segel, right, president of the General Numismatics Corporation and benefactor of the award.

medal, a sterling silver piece with the ANA seal on the obverse and the recipient's name engraved on the other side, was presented to 118 members and two clubs this year.

The coveted Medal of Merit was awarded to four outstanding numismatists: Aubrey E. Bebee, Harley L. Freeman, Charles R. Hoskins, III, and Mrs. Lois M. Otis. Only Aubrey Bebee and Charles Hoskins were present to receive their medals. These awards are made by the board of governors for outstanding and distinguished services to the association.

The Heath Literary awards were selected by a committee of distinguished numismatists and are in recognition of articles completed in the 1967 volume of *The Numismatist*. Elected officers of the ANA are not eligible for the medallic awards but can receive a certificate in its place. First and second place awards are engraved silver medals, third through fifth are engraved bronze.

This year's winners were: silver medals: 1. J. Eric Engstrom, "Paper Money of the French Revolution"; 2. Thomas W. Becker, "In Search of the Past".

Bronze medals: 1. Alan K. Craig, "History of the Coinage of British Honduras"; 2. Eric P. Newman, "Les-



SATURDAY—Glenn Smedley, ANA governor and head of the club representative program presides at the traditional breakfast held for club representatives. Over 100 clubs were represented at this year's meeting.

sons in Modern Day Counterfeiting"; and 3. W. Frank Allen, "Previously Unknown Spanish Gold Coins".

Honorary mention: Raymond De Voss, "Coins of Monaco"; Ray Byrne, "The Nobles and the Rogues"; and G. W. Kienast, "Forgotten Custom, Birth, Marriage, Death & Jubilee Medals".

Special recognition: Daniel M. Friedenberg, "Jewish Minters & Engravers".

Exhibit winners included the hus-



SATURDAY—George Mather, Jr., Liberty Coin Club representative, left and Mrs. Kenneth Hershberger, representative from the Goodyear Coin Club, receive the Outstanding Club Representatives award from Adna Wilde, ANA's new executive director.



SATURDAY — Fifty-year membership awards in the form of gold medals were presented to Norman Shultz of Salt Lake City, Utah, by President Arthur Sipe. Mrs. June Pond, center, accepts the plaque and gold medal on behalf of George W. Wardner, Wellesley, Mass. Mrs. Pond was the first woman governor of ANA. Right, ANA member 1978, William A. Philpott, Jr., accepts his 50-year award. Mr. Philpott is a frequent contributor to the *Numismatist*. A 50-year gold membership award was also presented to the American Numismatic Society of New York. It was accepted by Henry S. Grunthal, curator of modern foreign coins.

band and wife team of Opal and John Morris, who won first place in Class One and Two, respectively; Mrs. Morris for her display of U.S. Silver Commemorative Coins, John for his U.S. Paper Money — A Type of Every Issue Since 1861. Mrs. Morris also copped the best-of-show award for her display. A complete list of winners is published elsewhere in the magazine.

Saturday, August 24

This is the last day of the convention and many people are thankful for that little favor. It has been a long, long week. The day started



early with the ANA Club Representatives' Breakfast and before it was over the final business meeting of the 77th anniversary convention had already started.

The final session of the ANA auction was also held today and record prices were established for many coins. The Transportation Collectors met today but the big event was the annual banquet. Far more tickets were sold than the hotel had capacity to serve, so the banquet was moved over to the convention center causing the exhibits to be broken up earlier than had been anticipated. It created some confusion and even then there was some doubt if this 15,000 square foot hall would be big enough. Without a doubt, this was the largest banquet on record for the ANA.

The banquet was the occasion for the presentation of the Farran Zerbe Memorial Award, ANA's highest honor and this year it went to a deserving past president, Admiral O. H. Dodson. Fifty-year gold member-

SATURDAY — My, what a look of surprise! Mrs. John H. Morris, Homewood, Alabama, was caught by the photographer at the exact moment that it was announced she had won the Howland Wood Memorial Grand award for her outstanding display of United States commemorative coins.



SATURDAY — One small part of the head table finds, from left to right, Herbert M. Bergen, 1st vice president; Mrs. Bergen; Don Sherer, 2nd vice president; Mrs. Sherer; Grover C. Criswell, governor; Mrs. Criswell; and George D. Hatie, governor and legal counsel.

ship medals were presented to Norman Shultz, George W. Wardner and William A. Philpott.

A patriotic flag pageant was presented by the United States Marine Corps and so inspired the officers that it was decided that the theme for National Coin Week - 1969 be based on patriotism.

Getting back to early morning activities at the Club Representatives' Breakfast we find that for the first time since the Outstanding Club Representative Award was established in 1965, the performance record of the

nominees was so high that the judges were unable to select an individual winner.

The result was a tie between two well-known, highly conscientious and dedicated numismatists — George A. Mather, Jr., club representative for the Liberty Coin Club of Corpus Christi, Texas, and Mrs. Kenneth R. Hershberger, representative for the Goodyear Coin Club of Akron, Ohio.

The Saturday breakfast has long been a feature of the annual convention and was attended by some 125 representatives of over 100 clubs and

SATURDAY — At the final business meeting, Chester L. Krause, publisher of Numismatic News and Coins magazine, challenges the financial program of ANA.



SATURDAY — A quick rebuttal is offered by Herbert M. Bergen, chairman of the finance committee, to Krause's challenge concerning the ANA budget for 1968-69.



SATURDAY — Another small portion of the head table finds the rest of the board, from left to right, Mrs. John H. (Virginia) Culver, governor; Charles M. Johnson, governor; Mrs. Johnson; John Jay Pittman, governor; Mrs. Pittman; and Glenn B. Smedley, governor.

kindred organizations. Most of the ANA board attended, but the meeting was devoted largely to the club reps present. It was an informal affair and open to suggestions, comments, and frank discussions.

The final business meeting was held this morning and discussions from the floor centered around ANA finances and the budget for 1969. Overwhelming support was expressed for the current board and its policies.

In the early afternoon a press conference was held with representatives of the Treasury Department answering questions concerning mint operations and programs for numismatists. In addition to Miss Eva Adams, director of the mint, Frank Gasparro, chief engraver of the mint, and Roy Cahoon, executive director of the joint commission on the coinage, were present to answer questions.

Although most of the press conference centered around Treasury policy, the meeting itself was held under the auspices of the 200th anniversary committee for San Diego's upcoming bicentennial.

Bishop Francis Furey of the Archdiocese of San Diego delivered an invocation relating to events in both the Old and New Testaments in which money played a part.

Banquet master of ceremonies was none other than the very capable Ralph A. "Curly" Mitchell. He presented a "topless" show quite different from the one experienced in Miami. Banquet arrangements were under the direction of Paul Hamm and between the pageantry and inimitable humor of Ralph Mitchell, the evening will long be remembered as a fitting close to another ANA year.

SATURDAY — Al Baber, general chairman, receives the Good Fellowship Award for outstanding service and the advancement of good fellowship, from Adna Wilde, ANA executive director.

